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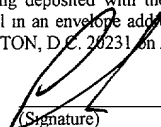
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendment prior to examination of this application. Upon entry, claim 1 remains pending as the sole claim in the application.

Amendments

The following instructions refer to two separate sheets at the end of this amendment:

PLEASE REPLACE the copy of claim 1 on page 23 with the identical claim 1 found on one of the sheets, numbered as page 24.

PLEASE ADD the abstract found on the other sheet, numbered as page 25.

Remarks

As required by the Notice mailed April 26, 2002, applicant has amended the application to put the sole pending claim on a separate sheet and add an abstract. A supplemental preliminary amendment with a substitute specification and additional claims is forthcoming.

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Please feel free to telephone the undersigned (who is also the applicant) if it would in any way advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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